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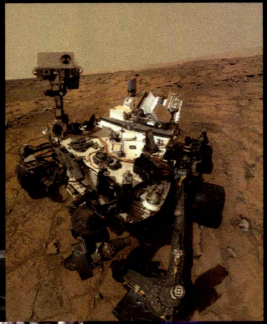

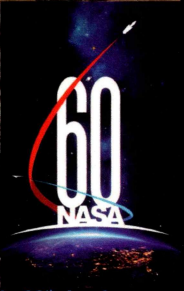

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NASA On The Air Special Event

Celebrating NASA's 60th Anniversary

This QSL card commemorates your NASA On The Air Special Event contact with amateur radio station W5RRR in celebration of the 60th anniversary of NASA's establishment as a U.S. government agency.

In the wake of the Soviet launches of Sputnik 1 and 2 and the spectacular failure of the American Vanguard TV-3 in late 1957, the US government began to lay the course for a long-term space plan. The successful launch of Explorer 1 on January 31, 1958 buoyed American hopes. Congressional hearings on the matter, chaired by Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D-TX), began in November 1957 and continued for six weeks.

On April 2, 1958, speaking to a joint session of Congress President Dwight D. Eisenhower called for a civilian National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA), based on the existing NACA, to oversee the US space program. Although a former military commander, Eisenhower believed a civilian agency would be more effective than assigning space to the military, where inter-service rivalries had already demonstrated a lack of results in launching a satellite. Twelve days later both the Senate and the House introduced versions of the NASA bill, with hearings beginning the next day. The Soviet launch of Sputnik 3 in May provided strong incentive for the bills' approval. The House bill passed on June 2 and the Senate version on June 16.

Johnson chaired a bipartisan panel that produced a joint version of the bill, retaining the strong policy board, which Eisenhower opposed. To break the impasse, the President and Johnson met on Monday following the July 4th holiday with the latter recommending that the President chair the board; Eisenhower agreed. Congress passed the final version of the bill, the National Aeronautics and Space Act, on July 16 and President Eisenhower signed it into law on July 29, 1958. NASA officially opened for business on October 1, 1958.

(The text above was taken from information that can be found on https://www.nasa.gov/feature/60-years-ago-eisenhower-proposes-nasa-to-congress)

"NASA On The Air" is a year-long event running through December 2018 to celebrate NASA's milestone anniversaries occurring during the year, including NASA being created in 1958. The club stations at many NASA centers and facilities plan to be on the air with special events to celebrate these milestones and some may be offering commemorative QSL cards. See https://nasaontheair.wordpress.com/ for more information.

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The Johnson Space Center Amateur Radio Club (JSCARC) is located at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center (JSC) approximately 25 miles southeast of downtown Houston, Texas. Established in 1967, our mission is to enable JSC employees interested in Amateur Radio, promote amateur radio operations in space, provide a licensed club station, and support public service and emergency communications. We provide operational support for the education office to talk with the astronauts over amateur radio, backup emergency communication for the International Space Station, routine and backup support for the JSC Emergency Operations Center and support operational ham radio training for astronauts.

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